**Retail outlets in Himachal Pradesh**

3179. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether commissioning of retail outlets at Nagrota Bhagwan, Raja Ka Talab, Sakoh under Kangra District has since been finalized in terms of advertisement in August, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, outlet-wise;

(c) whether commissioning of retail outlet at Jawali in Kangra District has since been advertised;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the present status of retail outlets to be commissioned in Himachal Pradesh under special scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The selection for the retail outlet dealerships at Nagrota Bhagwan, Sakoh and Raja Ka Talab in Kangra District has not been made as the selection process by the Dealer Selection Board, Himachal Pradesh has been suspended by the Government.

(c) and (d) The retail outlet dealership at Jawali in Kangra District has not been advertised.

(e) Eight retail outlet dealerships have been allotted in the State of Himachal Pradesh under the Special Scheme for widows/next of kin of defence personnel killed in action in Operation Vijay (Kargil).

**Exploration of CBM in Gujarat**

3180. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal Bed Methane (CBM) located in Gujarat has been reserved by a notification by the State Government of Gujarat;